



## **CEDAR PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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#### **100% of Cedar Park Police Officers Now Equipped With Body Worn Cameras**

Beginning today, every sworn member of the Cedar Park Police Department will be equipped with an L3 mobile-vision body worn camera. The device provides officers with the ability to take still photos and video footage during calls for service and proactive interaction with the community.

The body cameras sync with the Department's in-car camera system (also the L3 brand). At the end of a shift, officers download the footage where it is available for retrieval for 90 days unless it has evidentiary value in which case it is retained until no longer needed.

The process of equipping Cedar Park officers with body worn cameras has been ongoing for several years and was completed in stages. The cameras each cost approximately \$500 and were purchased with allocated Departmental funds.

Cedar Park Police Chief Sean Mannix also served as a member of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) Body Worn Camera Curriculum Development Committee. The Committee was charged with crafting the State's body worn camera training program to be taught to law enforcement personnel.

Chief Mannix offered the following statement about the cameras, "I believe we owe it to the public and to law enforcement to document incidents using the technology available. Body cameras bring accountability to everyone involved in an encounter whether it be an everyday traffic stop or a more serious incident that requires use of force. These body cameras give us another tool to verify information and to learn and grow based on what we see both from our officers and the public."

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